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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, DDS&T

SUBJECT : Comptroller's Questions

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REFERENCE : Memo from Comptroller, Subject: The 1979 Program,
dated 22 November 1976

1. The attachment to the reference gives some issues the Comptroller feels should be raised for FY 79. I find it hard to understand the statement by the Comptroller that he needs more information regarding the justification for OTS' continued use of that facility. Just as an example, I asked one of my people to prepare a list for me of all the papers written in the recent past on this subject. They are listed in the attachment to this memo. You will see that since 1968 there have been fourteen memos and reports written on this subject, making a file which is voluminous indeed. (1972 was evidently a very good year. That was the only year in which no study was requested on the status of the facility.) What bothers me even more is that I have been told informally that part of the Comptroller's office which issued the current request was totally unaware of the existence in another part of the Comptroller's office of a rather extensive study on this that was made on behalf of the Comptroller and the DDA in March of 1976.

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2. All of the above is academic anyway, because we operate the facility almost exclusively as a service to the DDO to provide to whom the DDO has offered such training. I have been told repeatedly that the capability to offer this training is of vital benefit to the stations concerned. If this is no longer true, then the DDO should be the ones to say it, not us. The question as to whether the justification for the continued use of the facility was still valid should have been addressed to the DDO, not to the DDA or the DDS&T.

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3. Finally, I am really puzzled by the question as to whether this facility should be managed by OTR. Doesn't anybody there know that in 1973 the Management Committee decided to transfer

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from OTR to OTS? What kind of fools would we look like if three years later we reversed ourselves? It is my understanding that the rationale for the transfer was that the facility was being used almost exclusively for OTS programs. That is still the case. So why the questions?

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Attachment

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